

# **Lake County Illinois**

*Lake County Courthouse and Administrative Complex  
18 N. County Street  
Waukegan, IL 60085-4351*



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Wednesday, December 6, 2017**

**8:30 AM**

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor**

**Public Works and Transportation Committee**

1. **Call to Order**

*Chair Maine called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.*

**Present** 8 - Chair Maine, Vice Chair Hewitt, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Werfel and Member Wilke

**Absent** 1 - Member Mathias

*Others present:*

*Sandy Hart, County Board Member*

*Aaron Lawlor, County Board Chairman*

*Judy Martini, County Board Member*

*Yvette Albarran, Purchasing*

*Barry Burton, County Administrator*

*Kevin Carrier, Division of Transportation*

*Paul Fetherston, Assistant County Administrator*

*Ben Gilbertson, Finance and Administrative Services*

*Gary Gordon, Finance and Administrative Services*

*RuthAnne Hall, Purchasing*

*Emily Karry, Lake County Coordinated Transportation Committee*

*Ashley Lucas, Division of Transportation*

*Amy McEwan, Deputy County Administrator*

*Kathleen O'Connor, Lake County Coordinated Transportation Committee*

*Blanca Vela-Schneider, County Board Office*

*Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Administrator*

*Rodney Worden, Public Works*

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

*Member Pedersen led Pledge of Allegiance.*

3. **Approval of Minutes**

3.1 **[17-1346](#)**

Minutes from September 29, 2017.

**A motion was made by Member Durkin, seconded by Member Wilke, that the minutes for items 3.1 and 3.2 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Aye:** 8 - Chair Maine, Vice Chair Hewitt, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Werfel and Member Wilke

**Absent:** 1 - Member Mathias

3.2 **[17-1347](#)**

Minutes from October 4, 2017.

**A motion was made by Member Durkin, seconded by Member Wilke, that the minutes for items 3.1 and 3.2 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Aye:** 8 - Chair Maine, Vice Chair Hewitt, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Werfel and Member Wilke

**Absent:** 1 - Member Mathias

**4. Addenda to the Agenda**

*There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.*

**5. Public Comment**

*There were no comments from the public.*

**6. Chairman's Remarks**

*There were no remarks from Chair Maine.*

**7. Old Business**

*There was no old business to conduct.*

**8. New Business**

**CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 8.1 - 8.2)**

**DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION**

**8.1 [17-1308](#)**

Ordinance providing for the establishment of a County altered speed zone of 40 miles per hour (M.P.H.), currently undesignated 55 M.P.H. on McGaw Road, County Highway 78, from Illinois Route 43 to end of maintenance, located in Warren Township, in conformity with Chapter 625 - Section 5/11-604 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

**A motion was made by Member Durkin, seconded by Member Werfel, that item 8.1 of the Consent Agenda be recommended for adoption to the County Board agenda and that 8.2 of the Consent Agenda be approved and referred to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Aye:** 8 - Chair Maine, Vice Chair Hewitt, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Werfel and Member Wilke

**Absent:** 1 - Member Mathias

**8.2 [17-1331](#)**

Joint resolution appropriating \$50,000 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the 2018 repair and replacement of various guardrail and fence installations, under the applicable Illinois Highway Code, and designated as Section 18-00000-06-GM.

**A motion was made by Member Durkin, seconded by Member Werfel, that item 8.1 of the Consent Agenda be recommended for adoption to the County Board agenda and that 8.2 of the Consent Agenda be approved and referred to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Aye:** 8 - Chair Maine, Vice Chair Hewitt, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Werfel and Member Wilke

**Absent:** 1 - Member Mathias

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**8.3 [17-0060](#)**

Director's Report - Public Works.

*Public Works Director Rodney Worden reported the watermain work on Route 45 is completed. The lagoon pumping station work has been completed but another bypass will be needed in January. Staff is exploring alternatives to pumping the sewage into the lagoon but they may be cost prohibitive. Mr. Worden reported the Lakes Region Sanitary District data analysis is underway. At this time, an analysis is occurring on the equipment each agency has and how the agencies perform their operations.*

*Mr. Worden reported on a November 2017 Chicago Tribune article regarding the recent dumping of 56.7 pounds of toxic metal by US Steel, which may have contained the chemicals chromium and secondary hexavalent chromium. There is no Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standard at this time, but the EPA has requested Lake County and the Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency (CLCJAWA) test for unregulated materials. Tests have been completed and there has been no change in the levels, with chromium levels being nondetectable. CLCJAWA has a fact sheet in which Public Works has included a link to on its website. Chair Maine noted the Illinois EPA can choose to adopt more stringent standards but it has chosen to accept the United States EPA standards.*

*Mr. Worden reported Public Works has received notification that Aqua has proposed rate increases for Hawthorne Woods and Forest Lake communities. If the Illinois Commerce Commission approves the request, the committee will need to discuss when to implement this increase. This would be Aqua's first rate increase in several years, resulting in an increase of \$9 per month.*

**DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION**

**8.4 [17-1333](#)**

Joint resolution authorizing a contract with Martam Construction, Inc., Elgin, Illinois, in the amount of \$568,224.80 for the retaining wall maintenance and culvert replacement on Gilmer Road and Sequoia Road, and designated as Section 14-00000-07-GM.

*Division of Transportation Director Shane Schneider reported the work will be completed when school is out for summer break and should not last more than 30 days.*

**A motion was made by Member Pedersen, seconded by Member Danforth, that this item be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Aye:** 8 - Chair Maine, Vice Chair Hewitt, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Werfel and Member Wilke

**Absent:** 1 - Member Mathias

**8.5** [17-1327](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an agreement with the Wisconsin Central Railroad Limited, appropriating \$620,000 of ¼% Sales Tax for Transportation funds for the reconstruction of a railroad crossing, installation of pedestrian signals, construction of a concrete sidewalk, embankment, landscaping and other related items along Aptakisic Road in the Village of Buffalo Grove, and designated as Section 12-00088-20-RR.

*Division of Transportation Director Shane Schneider reported the widening of Weiland Road will occur in 2019. There is a need to complete the reconstruction of a railroad crossing and associated work along Aptakisic Road in the Village of Buffalo Grove prior to the reconstruction of Weiland Road.*

**A motion was made by Member Werfel, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this item be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Aye:** 8 - Chair Maine, Vice Chair Hewitt, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Werfel and Member Wilke

**Absent:** 1 - Member Mathias

**8.6** [17-1328](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an agreement with ECONOLITE/Traffic Control Corporation, Woodridge, Illinois, for the 2017 Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) PASSAGE Network improvements, appropriating \$145,000 of ¼% Sales Tax for Transportation funds, and designated as Section 17-00999-48-TL.

*Jon Nelson, Division of Transportation, indicated these updates will improve performance measures and add more PASSAGE-capable sections in Lake County. County Board Member Sandy Hart inquired how the 1/4% sales tax is utilized. County Board Chairman Aaron Lawlor indicated state law permits the 1/4% sales tax to be used for transportation and public safety projects, but the Lake County has designated this funding solely to transportation. Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Wilke, that this item be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Aye:** 8 - Chair Maine, Vice Chair Hewitt, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Werfel and Member Wilke

**Absent:** 1 - Member Mathias

**8.7** [17-1332](#)

Joint resolution appropriating \$810,000 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the resurfacing of Gelden Road, from Deep Lake Road to Grass Lake Road, which will be improved under the Illinois Highway Code for a total of 1.29 miles, and designated as Section 17-00147-02-RS.

*Division of Transportation Director Shane Schneider indicated once the resurface work is*

*completed, jurisdiction of the road will be transferred over to the Village of Lindenhurst.*

**A motion was made by Member Pedersen, seconded by Member Wilke, that this item be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Aye:** 8 - Chair Maine, Vice Chair Hewitt, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Werfel and Member Wilke

**Absent:** 1 - Member Mathias

**8.8 [17-1334](#)**

Joint resolution authorizing the acquisition of a sight distance easement at the intersection of Hainesville Road at Clarendon Drive by agreement or condemnation.

*Chair Maine noted the 2016 realignment of Hainesville Road at Clarendon Drive created a line of sight hazard to motorists. There is a need to acquire an easement so that the county may specify limitations on landscaping and structures to ensure adequate visibility for motorists. Division of Transportation Director Shane Schneider reported condemnation would only be necessary if the county is unable to secure the necessary easement from the current property owner.*

**A motion was made by Member Werfel, seconded by Member Wilke, that this item be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Aye:** 8 - Chair Maine, Vice Chair Hewitt, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Werfel and Member Wilke

**Absent:** 1 - Member Mathias

**8.9 [17-0029](#)**

Director's Report - Transportation.

*Division of Transportation Director Shane Schneider introduced Jon Nelson, Division of Transportation. Mr. Nelson indicated the Division of Transportation entered into an agreement with Waze to share data. In 2014, Waze created the Connected Citizens program that allows municipalities to share their data with Waze. There are over 100 municipalities who share data on this program.*

*Mr. Schneider reported on the jurisdictional transfer process of Gelden, Engle, Nathan Hale, Genoa, and Granada Roads. Staff has reached out to Lake Villa Township and the Village of Lindenhurst to transfer these roads. Discussion ensued.*

**8.9A [17-1250](#)**

Presentation of the Paratransit Market Study.

*Division of Transportation Director Shane Schneider, presented the updated technical memorandum number two regarding paratransit services.*

*Kathleen O'Connor, Lake County Coordinated Transportation Services Committee*

(LCCTSC), and Ashley Lucas, Division of Transportation reviewed the technical memorandum. There are three potential strategies to address the needs of paratransit users including: 1) service strategies; 2) mobility strategies; and 3) mobility management strategies.

Potential service strategies include late night employment transportation, enhanced call-a-ride service, flexible (route deviation) service, and countywide paratransit system. Potential personal mobility strategies include vanpools for first/last mile work transportation, taxi subsidy programs, ride-hailing services. Potential mobility management strategies include centralized transportation information and trip planning assistance, countywide transportation marketing campaign, regional mobility management team. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Lucas reported there will be community meetings in January 2018 to report the findings on the existing conditions and potential service alternatives to the public and partners. The Project Advisory Committee will also meet in January to discuss the draft technical memorandum of development and evaluation of alternatives which will assist in identify preliminary recommendations.

Ms. O'Connor noted there has been substantial dialogue with local boards so that they may understand what is happening in their communities regarding paratransit services. Discussion continued.

**This item was presented.**

**9. Executive Session**

*The committee did not enter into Executive Session.*

**10. County Administrator's Report**

**10.1 [17-1330](#)**

Presentation of recommended Lake County fiscal year 2018 State and Federal Legislative Program.

Assistant County Administrator Paul Fetherston presented the proposed 2018 State and Federal Legislative Agenda. He noted that none of the Public Works and Transportation Committee items on the proposed legislative agenda have been modified since its last presentation. The legislative agenda is intended to be as nimble as possible. Discussion ensued.

**This item was presented.**

**11. Members' Remarks**

*There were no remarks from members.*

**12. Adjournment**

*Chair Maine adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.*

**Next Meeting: January 10, 2018**

*Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela Schneider.*

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*Chairman*

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*Vice Chairman*

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*Public Works and Transportation Committee*